

HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

71 Main Street, Freeholder's Meeting Room, 2nd Floor
Flemington, New Jersey 08822

October 16, 2012

The regular meeting of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders convened at 5:00 p.m. in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

PRESENT: MR. WALTON, MR. HOLT, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN, MR. SWOREN.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Director Walton announced: "This meeting is being held in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Adequate notice has been given by posting throughout the year a copy of the notice on Bulletin Boards on the First and Second Floor of the Main Street County Complex, Building #1, Flemington, New Jersey, a public place reserved for such announcements. A copy was mailed on or before January 03, 2012, to the Hunterdon County Democrat, Star Ledger, Trenton Times, Courier News and the Express Times, newspapers designated to receive such notices and by filing a copy with the Hunterdon County Clerk."

EXECUTIVE SESSION REQUESTS

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded these:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to provide an update by Counsel on negotiations.

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an updated on the Ewing property acquisition.

See Page 10/16/12-1C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an update on the Trout litigation.

See Page 10/16/12-1D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Executive Session to discuss an appointment to the Open Space Committee.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN, MR. WALTON.

The Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders went into Executive Session at 4:05 p.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Walton opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Suchau, Raritan Township resident came before the Board to discuss Planned Parenthood saying they do very good work and the public needs to separate church and religion from government.

Deb Huber, Vice President of National Organization of Women of New Jersey, stated she is here to protest what went on at the last Freeholder Meeting about not wanting to cover a bill for cancer screening because the woman chose to go to Planned Parenthood for that screening. She feels it is inappropriate for a Freeholder to be imposing his personal religious dogma on the policies of this county. Women have the right to choose whatever healthcare provider they decide is most comfortable for them. If you wanted to reduce the number of abortions in this County you would encourage women to go to Planned Parenthood and get contraceptives. One of the primary missions of Planned Parenthood is to plan for pregnancies and not have unplanned pregnancies.

Robert White, Milford Borough resident, came before the Board regarding a nuance ordinance from the Borough of Milford, and a letter from the Chairman of the Milford Council, concerning a property on Bridge Street, owned by a non-resident/landlord. This building is literally falling apart. There are boards falling off the front of the building and the porch is falling off the back of the building. Numerous letters have been sent to this individual; who has disregarded any and all attempts to be contacted. The Health Officer has been asked to step in and move forward with this existing ordinance to either have the building remediated or move forward with demolition. This is a beautiful old building but this individual is letting it fall apart. Mr. White added that this building is an eyesore; as well as a health hazard.

Director Walton is aware that George Wagner, Director of Public Safety and Health Services; Tag Rainey, Health Services Director and the County's Health Officer, Herb Yardley, are trying to remedy this situation.

Andrea Bonnett, East Amwell Township Resident, read in the newspaper that the Freeholder Board was going to discuss the Planned Parenthood situation this evening but she did not see it on tonight's agenda.

Director Walton explained this issue has been moved to the next meeting for a host of reasons.

PUBLIC HEARING

John P. Glynn, Director of Public Works, came before the Board concerning a scheduled public hearing for the acquisition of land and easements for the road construction project on County Route 600 (Wescott Drive) and County Route 612 (Sand Hill Road) in the Township of Raritan.

Director Walton opened the public hearing.

Mr. Glynn explained to the Board that this discussion was held on this issue about a month ago but it did not get advertised in the newspaper, so the public hearing has to be held again. This project is the Sand Hill Road (County Route 612) and Wescott Drive (County Route 600), in the Township of Raritan. A small road improvement; as well as a culvert is being done in this project. A left hand turn lane will be constructed, as you turn into Wescott Drive, which leads into the hospital. The property owners (Koch) have settled on a value and part of the requirements is that comments are received at a public hearing.

Director Walton asked if anyone from the public wishes to be heard on this issue.

There being no comments or questions from the public or press, Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion to close the public hearing.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Melick seconded a motion authorizing the County make a formal offer of \$35,000 to the property owner (Koch), for the easement/property acquisition in connection with the Sand Hill Road (County Route 612) and Wescott Drive (County Route 600), in the Township of Raritan project.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN, MR. SWOREN, MR. WALTON.

HOFFMAN FARM public hearing – postponed.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Shaun Van Doren, Secretary/Member of the Shade Tree Commission, came before the Board to request permission to finish the tree survey across the County. Half of the survey had been done with business stimulus funds which the County received a few years ago. Phase I was the first half of the County and Phase II would finish this survey. A proposal has been received to finish this survey. Mr. Van Doren advised the Shade Tree Commission is asking to encumber funds remaining in their budget; couple that with that will be requested in 2013, which will not be outside the normal budget, to finish this tree survey. The cost to finish the survey for the County is \$6,500.

Mr. Glynn provided the Board with data showing the type of information collected by the survey. This is a proactive means to take trees down before they fall across utility lines causing problems, such as closing roads and causing a hazard.

Mr. Glynn reported the balance in the Shade Tree Commission budget is \$1,479.50 and the request is to use that amount as the base; take \$8,300 from what is remaining in Roads, and reimburse \$8,300 in the account next year when the budget is approved for the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Glynn stressed this is a very worthwhile project that allows the County to remove trees that can cause problems in the future.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 10/16/12-2A

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving an agreement with **ForesTree Consultants**, to complete the second phase of the priority tree inventory project, at a cost not to exceed \$6,500.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN, MR. WALTON.

PUBLIC SAFETY

George F. Wagner, Public Safety Director, stated that around April, 2012, approval was received from the Board to have a County CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Team) Team. Shortly after receiving that approval, Hunterdon's counterparts in Atlantic County experienced a weather event, and it was around the July 4th weekend, where a long term power outage was experienced. Much like Hunterdon experienced last year. The challenge for communities is when the volunteers become victims and Atlantic's CERT volunteers were victims and it restricted their ability to respond.

Mr. Wagner advised the Board that on behalf of Atlantic County, Hunterdon County has received recognition to Hunterdon County's CERT team in recognition and appreciation for their assistance and support of the Atlantic County's POD operations and emergency response to the June 30, 2012 duration storm, presented August 14, 2012. Mr. Wagner congratulated the County's CERT Team, because shortly after their inception they responded and are already receiving accolades.

Mr. Wagner presented this recognition plaque to Ken Mendoli.

Mr. Wagner reported that gathered here this evening are the graduated of Hunterdon County's first emergency response team training. These are the people who are augmenting the County employees when there are emergency responses. Each member was introduced to the Board.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION/PLANNING

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing final approval for the acquisition of the development easement on Block 38, Lot 1.04 (Hill and Dale Farm), in Tewksbury Township, (SADC-\$928,200; County-\$309,400; Federal Farm and Ranchland Protection Program-\$309,400), total amount of \$1,547,000.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MENNEN, MR. MELICK, MR. WALTON.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing final approval for the acquisition of the development easement on Block 82, Lot 2, (Synder Farm), in Raritan Township, (SADC-\$474,000, County-\$158,000; Township-\$158,000), total amount of \$790,000.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MENNEN, MR. MELICK, MR. WALTON.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/16/12-3C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing final approval for the acquisition of the development easement on Block 29, Lot 50, Mary W. Dorsi Estate), in Franklin Township, (SADC-\$216,480, County-\$72,160, Township-\$72,160), total amount of \$360,800.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MENNEN, MR. MELICK, MR. WALTON.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Contract for Sale of Development Easement, from Louis Cyktor III and Louis Cyktor IV, for Block 51, Lot 1, in Delaware Township, (SADC-\$205,920; County-\$68,640; Township-\$68,640), total amount of \$343,200.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. MENNEN, MR. MELICK, MR. HOLT, MR. WALTON.

PURCHASING

John Davenport, III, County Purchasing Agent reported to the Board on a meeting with Dan Shea of the Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAC) with regard to SWAC's idea to do a Countywide waste and recycling program. They went over a few of the ideas of what Hunterdon County could do for them from a Purchasing standpoint. Mr. Davenport explained to them some other options that maybe available to them. The problem with Hunterdon County being the lead agency is that the County does not have a true vested interest from a county standpoint of expenditure of funds for countywide recycling and waste pick. By law, the County cannot be the lead agency unless the County has a vested interested. The ESC, which is an existing operative, does have a vested interest and may potentially be able to provide a benefit. If the ESC chooses not to be the lead agency then one of the municipalities would have to step up and take the lead.

Mr. Davenport reported he also discussed with Mr. Shea, drafting a specification, which would not be difficult for his office to do.

Mr. Davenport stated that Mr. Shea will put an overview on paper and he will be contacting the County employees, which the County Administrator, Cynthia J. Yard, had mentioned in an email to Mr. Shea. He and Mr. Shea will be setting up another meeting, around the first part of November.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #26338, using NJSA 40A:11-5(DD), with Smiths Detection, for a software upgrade, for the Division of Communications, in the Public Safety Department, in the amount of \$15,000. (Homeland Security Grant).

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN, MR. WALTON.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #CountyClerk.1450, using NJSA 40A:11-5(1)L, with Sky Printing, for the General Election ballots, for the County Clerk's Office, in the amount of \$61,355.50.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN, MR. WALTON.

Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2012-19, for Snow and Ice Control Materials (Calcium Chloride Solution), with Setcon Industries, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$30,320.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MENNEN, MR. HOLT, MR. MELICK, MR. SWOREN, MR. WALTON.

Mr. Melick moved and Mr. Mennen seconded this:

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RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Authorizing the award of County Bid #2012-19, for Snow and Ice Control Materials (Rock Salt), with International Salt Co., Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$466,830.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN, MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. WALTON.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Holt seconded this:

See Page 10/16/12-4C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving Requisition #Sheriff.1553, using State Contract #A-75583, with Island Tech Services, for toughbooks, for the Sheriff's Office, in the amount of \$12,425, (COPS grant).

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. HOLT, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN, MR. WALTON.

ROADS AND BRIDGES Update

John P. Glynn, Director, Public Works Department, updated the Board on various County road and bridge projects.

- County Route 513, from the Voorhees Corner Observatory driveway to the Morris County Line, will again be put in for NJDOT SAGE application through the Transportation Trust fund for 2013.
- The County has received documentation, electronically, for County Route 579 in Ringoes. It is being reviewed for historical assessment. An electronic copy has been forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Office for their review in order to advance the sidewalk and resurfacing project in Ringoes.
- Surface Treatment is basically completed. The contractor just finished the Correctional Facility.
- Bridge L-97-W, on Stephensburg Road, in Lebanon Township is a joint project, a triple arch, being done with Warren County, Mansfield Township. They are trying to get the stone mason back on the project, citing labor problems.
- Bridge painting on the Califon bridge has been finished.
- The County keeps getting a sage application for communities and bridges for pedestrian use. The County will put an application into SAGE for the Multi-Purpose Bridge with DOT. This will be the third and last time, Mr. Glynn will submit an application for funding for this project. This bridge connects the Echo Hill Park with the County's Arboretum.
- The steel has been received for County Bridge T-85-A, on Old Mountain Road, in Tewksbury Township. The steel is being prepared for painting and it should be paved out by the end of the year.
- Masonry walls are being reconstructed for County Bridge T-59, on Cold Spring Road, in Tewksbury Township. The internal arch has been poured.
- The Historic Sites Council cancelled the meeting for U-18, on Race Street, in Union Township due to lack of a quorum. Mr. Glynn will ask if administrative staff can review the project because Union Township will be writing a letter of support for the project. This isn't historic and should not be included in the Rock Hills.
- Comments have been received back from Stockton Borough Engineer for the drainage matter in Stockton Borough. Changes are being made and the RFP will be sent over to Purchasing for processing.
- The County has not heard back on the local lead project, Bridge F-45, in Franklin Township.
- The County has to message the contract with the consultant for Bridge E-174, in East Amwell Township in order to get the permit extended. The stream encroachment permit will give the County an extension, so work will begin on this project with County forces and get the extension through 2015. A modification has to be made to the wetlands permit, and that will then be extended for 5 years.
- County Bridge D-300 project has been advertised.
- Mr. Glynn introduced John Anderson, who is the Chairman of the County's Shade Tree Commission and also works for JCP&L. The County has been working with Mr. Anderson/JCP&L on the language to get the pole set for County Route 512/513. A meeting is scheduled with Century Link on October 29, 2012 to clear the air and make sure there is a standard operating procedure to relocate utilities as the County projects come up.
- Mr. Glynn reported the County has not heard from the FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) for storm damage repair money. The County should be receiving final payment for the bridge in Alexandria Township, outside of Little York.
- The County is being named in a lawsuit, as part of the Hurricane Irene Issue, on Covered Bridge Road in Delaware Township. A meeting was held with the stakeholders, the Township and the civil property owners. Mr. Glynn feels there is a resolution to the issue.

The County has to figure out a firm scope of work for the resolution and how it will be paid for. That discussion has to take place with the property owners; as well as the Township.

Truck

Mr. Glynn reported Lebanon Township is interested in purchasing a surplus truck from the County. The previous numbers supplied from Pohatcong Township were to show the comparison because Pothatcong purchased a vehicle last year. Lebanon Township is looking to have the engine on this truck rebuilt in order to use it this winter.

After further discussion, Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion granting permission to the Department of Public Works to sell a surplus dump truck to the Township of Lebanon, at the value price determined by the County's garage staff.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN, MR. WALTON.

COUNTY Update

Vision 2020

Cynthia J. Yard, County Administrator, informed the Board that back in July the County had asked its staff to participate in a Vision 2020 program. This has been used as an exercise at the senior staff meetings to develop drafts. Mrs. Yard reported the Sheriff, County Clerk and the Surrogate have been heard from. The Superintendent of Schools have informed the County that they will tie this into their plans for the Department of Education. It is the expectation of the people who have submitted their 2020 Vision plans that the Freeholders will discuss this at budget time and hammer out what will be accepted into the final plan. There was a submission from the Administration with some ideas for future initiatives and endeavors. The senior staff are ready to come at budget time to discuss this with the Board.

North Haven Veterans Residential Facility

Mrs. Yard reported that the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) today went up to the North Haven Veterans Residential facility to visit, at the former Hagadorn property. They met with North Haven's leadership to discuss transportation needs/wants and how the County can assist them with the understanding of the services the County delivers through the LINK.

Human Services vacancies

Mrs. Yard reported whenever a department has a vacancy, there are four specific questions they must answer. There are three requests to fill vacancies in Human Services; this includes the recent movement in the department and backfilling in trying to find the right people for the positions. There is a Human Services Specialist 3 position which the Freeholder Board approved to fill. This position covers Fraud. The County receives money back from the state with regards to people who are on these services/entitlements as long as they are eligible. There is a great deal of responsibility in making sure people are not fraudulent in receiving those benefits. The Freeholders approved backfilling this position and that person took a voluntary demotion to another title, so it is vacant again.

Mrs. Yard reported the second request for a Human Services Specialist 3, is also to help the Fraud unit get up and running. There is sufficient funds in the budget for both these positions according to Human Services because of people leaving so it will require no new money.

Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission to post and backfill both Human Services Specialist 3 vacancies.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MENNEN, MR. HOLT, MR. MELICK, MR. SWOREN, MR. WALTON.

Mrs. Yard reported there is a third request from Human Services due to having two people out on extended sick leave; one will not be returning until March, 2013 and the other person may not return. Human Services is asking for a temporary, no benefits, hourly position as a Family Service Worker to cover these two people's absences until they return to work.

Mr. Mennen moved and Mr. Holt seconded a motion granting permission to hire a temporary, no benefits, hourly person, (Family Service Worker), in the Human Services Department.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. MENNEN, MR. HOLT, MR. MELICK, MR. SWOREN, MR. WALTON.

Senior Services/Disabilities/Veterans Division Executive Director position

Mrs. Yard reported the County's Executive Director for the Division of Senior, Disabilities and Veterans Services is retiring effective December 01, 2012. This division oversees the Area Agency on Aging grants, which are the largest grant award, over \$700,000 and it requires an Executive Director. Much of this person's salary is offset from the Area on Aging grant. Human Services would like to post or look internally for a candidate to fill this position.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion to post and fill the Executive Director position for the Division of Senior, Disability and Veterans Services, in the Department of Human Services.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN, MR. WALTON.

Buildings and Maintenance position

Mrs. Yard informed the Board last year the County consolidated the services of Park Maintenance and Buildings and Maintenance; the County went from 24 employees to 14. Since that time, between attrition or through layoffs, the County has lost more people. The County was going to use 2012 as a baseline year to see if the right number of staff were in this combined unit.

Due to people leaving for other departments, there is a vacancy. The position vacated was a Senior Maintenance position with a salary of \$55,000 and they are asking for a Maintenance Worker, which is a step down, with a \$25,000 starting salary.

Mrs. Yard reported to the Board, that since that consolidation has been done, this year (2012) 2,015 work order requests have been issued. In October of 2011, there were only around 1,000 work order requests. These people have been stepping up to the plate. It is felt that the loss of that position of Maintenance Repairer needs to be backfilled.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion to post and fill the position of Maintenance Worker.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN, MR. WALTON.

FOR DISCUSSION/OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Yard reported to the Board on the number of volunteers the County currently has. The County has 534 employees and there are 1,246 volunteers; 361 of the volunteers are on the County's boards, committees and councils and 885 are volunteers from all over this organization.

Mrs. Yard recalls this discussion started as a way to recognize volunteers with shirts. She asked the County's buyer, Ray Rule, to provide a price quote with for 1,500 shirts. If the shirts were only screened on the front, with just one item (Hunterdon County volunteers), the cost would be \$6,375. If it were two screens (front and back), the cost would be \$7,125. Every time the screen set up, the cost is another \$50 to \$100.

Director Walton exclaimed that it was great news to hear the number of volunteers this County has.

Mrs. Yard said the County has to make sure everyone in this organization is valued equally.

Director Walton tabled the issue of shirts for volunteers.

CONSENT AGENDA

Director Walton announced: "All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately."

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded a motion to approve claims in accordance with the Claims Register dated October 16, 2012.

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CLAIMS REGISTER

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN, MR. WALTON.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded these:

See Page 10/16/12-6B

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving contractual longevity payments for Sergeants in the Sheriff's Office.

See Page 10/16/12-6C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a departmental transfer for Joel Van Horn to Senior Mail Clerk, Division of Information Services, Finance/Administration Department.

See Page 10/16/12-6D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the reappointment of Michael Yates, to the Vocational School Board, (Polytech).

See Page 10/16/12-6E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the appointment of Kelly Quinlan to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

See Page 10/16/12-6F

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a contract with Elizabethtown Gas, for Non-Residential Gas Extension at the Route 31 County Complex, Building #2. (no cost for installation).

See Page 10/16/12-6G

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving, upon the recommendation of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, the 2013 Hunterdon County Request for Application (RFA) Update and County Alliance Plan and authorizing its transmittal to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN, MR. WALTON.

PROCLAMATION/RECOGNITION

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 10/16/12-7A

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Declaring November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness month.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. HOLT, MR. MENNEN, MR. WALTON.

Mr. Sworen moved and Mr. Melick seconded this:

See Page 10/16/12-7B

PROCLAMATION

RESOLVED, Recognizing Heather Fraebel for attaining her Girl Scout Gold Award.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. HOLT, MR. MENNEN, MR. WALTON.

GRANTS

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 10/16/12-7C

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a grant agreement with the State Department of Human Services, Division on Aging Services, for the 2013-2015 Area Plan Contract, in the amount of \$730,832 (\$336,155-state funding; \$394,677-federal funding; \$15,462-County Match).

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN, MR. WALTON.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 10/16/12-7D

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving the 2013 State/Community Partnership (SCP) and the Family Court Appropriations Award notice, from the State Juvenile Justice Commission, in the amount of \$292,490, (\$135,567- Program Service funds; \$55,550-Program Management funds; \$97,157 in Family Court Services Funds; and \$4,216 in Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Federal Allocation funds.

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN, MR. WALTON.

Mr. Holt moved and Mr. Sworen seconded this:

See Page 10/16/12-7E

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, Approving a Subgrant award for the Victim Assistance/Victims of Crime Act, with the State Department of Law and Public Safety, Criminal Justice Division, in the amount of \$107,758, (\$86,206-federal funds; County Match of \$21,552).

ROLL CALL: (AYES) MR. HOLT, MR. SWOREN, MR. MELICK, MR. MENNEN, MR. WALTON.

FREEHOLDERS COMMENTS/REPORTS

Deer Pickup

Mr. Melick asked if an update could be provided on the LAP Program for dead deer pickup along County Roads. Last year the LAP program picked up 747 deer. The County does not know what the municipalities or the State pick up is for deer. In addition, there are many deer that do not get picked up for various reasons. He stressed that deer management can be sought through hunting.

Mr. Melick would like to establish what the deer population is and the expense of car accidents. If the County picks up 747, add the municipal roads and state highways, and what isn't picked up. There are at least 2,500 deer killed each year on roads in the County. People have been killed in deer accidents.

Mr. Glynn added to the figure that while there are around 2,500 dead deer on County roads, there is also the expense of repairs to vehicles due to deer accidents.

Director Walton stated Mr. Melick is right to point out that deer population in Hunterdon County has to be actively managed. He agreed the best way to do that is through hunting.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Director Walton opened the meeting to the public.

Barbara Suchau, Raritan Township resident, stated regarding deer, there is a problem with the New Jersey Division of Fish and Game puts farmers into the wildlife management areas to grow crops to feed the deer. The populations would not be as large as they are, if there was a New Jersey Division Fish and Wildlife Killing agency that did not grow deer. They grow deer because they want to sell hunting licenses. Every person on the New Jersey Division of Fish and Game Council is a hunter. There are no animal protectors to say anything about any other method.

They purposely grow deer because they want people to see deer to buy licenses. It is a money game. Ms. Suchau recommended the County ask the New Jersey Division Fish and Wildlife Killing Agency to stop growing the deer and tell them to get the farmers out of the wildlife management areas because that is where the deer should be living.

Andrea Bonnett, East Amwell Township resident came before the Board concerning deer. She has been very active with the Sourland Planning Council and they were able to get a grant from New Jersey Conservation Resources and they are working on a deer management plan for the Sourland Mountains.

Ms. Bonnett stated if the issue of Planned Parenthood is discussed again, she would like to know, why in the budget that Catholic Charities contractual is going to receive \$37,655. Sheet 18 of the budget says Aid to Women's Health Care contractual gets \$10,000. On Sheet 25A, there is an item for Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, who last year received \$75,000 and this year will receive no dollars.

Mrs. Bonnett asked who else would provide women's health care if Planned Parenthood doesn't.

Director Walton explained there are doctors offices' that provide the same services provided by Planned Parenthood. The Hunterdon Medical Center houses those documents.

Director Walton stated the \$10,000 for Aid to Women's Health is actually for women and men, and it is for Public Health Nursing to assist low income individuals with finding health care. They are given a list of physicians so they can go to the doctor of their choice.

Director Walton believes that Catholic Charities is providing services through the Human Services allocations. He is sure that agencies have to bid in order to provide these services.

Director Walton will check to see the figures regarding Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner. He is sure the Prosecutor has funds in his budget for this.

Mrs. Yard offered to have the County's Finance Director at the next meeting to answer these questions.

John Anderson, JCP&L and Hunterdon County Shade Tree Commission member, thanked John Glynn and Shaun Van Doren and apologized to the Freeholders for missing the Shade Tree presentation, as he was held up.

Mr. Anderson stated since the storms last year, JCP&L have been pushing communication improvements. He encouraged the Board to check out the website, First Energy Corp.com and click on JCP&L. This time last year before the snow storm, the system would route outages by zip code but when those storms hit the outage management system was revamped and it is now grouped by tax code/municipality and not by zip code. The site is now smart phone friendly. The site now shows the number of customers affected and that is real time information. The site also allows people to report their outage.

Mr. Anderson stated another update is the fax system has been scratched and replaced by an email based system. Messages can now be customized by each storm.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Director Walton adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise B. Doolan
Clerk of the Board